Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Somewhat colder tonight. Not so

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## TO SOON DETERMINE SALE DATE OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

PETITIONS CALLING UPON TRUSTEES TO NAME DAY WILL BE CIRCULATED

## STUDENTS TO HELP

BOYS WILL PASS AROUND LISTS ASKING FOR EARLY ACTION-PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MAY BUY SCRUCTURE FOR OWN

The date for the rale of the of high school may be determined in Members of the his school board have instructed that petition be drawn, asking the town ship trustees, who have charge c school properties, sell the buildle Before a sale, or the advert semon concerning the sale, can be need to plished, a sufficient number of sich tures from the voters of the district

It has been planned to give the high school youths petitions to secure the signatures of voters. The work of securing the names will be conducted next week, if the present arrangements are carried out.

uated for such purposes and with very to try for the prosecutor. little remodeling it would soon be Three true bills were suppressed, ready to meet all demands along that all of them being brought before the line. Members of the public school jerors after that body began its delibboard have remained silent on this erations. Sleuthing wires are now project; a committee, however, was being pulled for these alleged culprits appointed to look in the matter.

present time, that any of Ottawa's fra- next few days, ternal organizations will purchase the The following is the list of indict and Moose were mentioned as possible bidders for the property.

The talks of its use for a city hali has practically passed into history. feel like purchasing the building at

be on hand at the time of the sale to bid on the historic old building. Its situation makes it ideal for a fashionable apartment building.

#### WOMAN, ACTING QUEERLY IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Mrs. Emma Ott, whose mental condition is believed to be disordered. was taken in custody last evening by Officer Reilley. Mrs. Ott has been acting queerly the last few days and ceny. it was feared that she might do hodily harm to some one. She may be given a sanity hearing at a later time. Mrs. Ott is the woman who went before the city council a few weeks ago and staged a scene before the commissioners.

#### STREATOR BRAKEMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Streator, Ill., Jan. 13.-(Special).-I. L. Sterry, a brakeman on the Sant-Fe railway, narrowly escaped death here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock dorment. when he fell from a box car and fractured three ribs. He was uncerscious when picked up by member. of the train crew. His condition not believed to be serious, at the Streator hospital, where he is con fined. The car jolted as it hit a d rail, and Sterry was thrown to the

Mrs. LEST SUSPECT IN OHIO'S cards thiLATEST GIRL MURDER CASE Guthrie

were serveegton, Ind., Jan. 13. The per-Mr. and Nuspected of the murder of alleged blocked traffic over the C., R ained a numon, in a Columbus, Oh'o & Q. crossing on Madison street,

from him. Wells during My hours of the morning held of guilty and paid a fine of \$20. A specialiginal story that he had been neld Sundinbus, Ohio, was in the hotel Captain of Police Charles Montgomchurch. 'h the girl was murdered Men ight, but that he remembered

Cg about any girl. He has agreed Odo cither to Kansas City, Mo re he is wanted on an embessie ent charge, or to Columbus, Ohio, Wells admitted he registered in Cojumbus under the name "Van Brunt' but said the stains on his shirt came SUBSCRIBE FOR FREE TRADER-

day

## 24 TRUE BILLS REPORTED BY JURY

FORTY-SEVEN CASES DISPOSED OF BY GRAND JURGES BEFORE REPORTING BACK TO JUDGE STOUGH-THREE FROM OTTA-

Twenty-four indictments, only three of which were from Ottawa, were reported to Judge Stough in the circuit court by the January grand jury when it completed its labors this morning. A total of forty-seven separate cases were aired before the jurors, twentythree of which were dismissed as insufficient for trial in the circuit court.

Salden in the history of the county has so large an array of allegations been brought before a grand jury and disposed of in such record-breaking time, according to statements made by Judge Stough and State's Attorney George S. Wiley, the latter of whom was responsible for the merry old actively engaged during their seasions. Charges were heard at the rate of ten cases a day, with the "unscheduled" being sandwiched in batween the regulars upon the state's atterney's dockets.

One murderer was caught in the With the talk of the sale of the old dragnet. He is Samuel Perry Richhigh school comes many rumors as to ardson, who killed Jess Yarborough who will be the prospective purchast at Streator Nov. 7th. He was bound era. It is still being considered as to the circuit court without bonds. the site for a vocational training The remainder of the cases were of school. The building is admirably sit- the petit kind, but none the less easy

There seems little possibility, at the the clutches of the sheriff within the

building. The Knights of Columbus ments-with the exception of those three not given to the newspapers as presented to Judge Stough:

bree not given to the newspapers—28
presented to Judge Stough:
Joseph Wagner, Ottawa, burglary Wagner is accused of having broken With the conduit ordinance, and the into the Al. Schaefer saloon and hospital project, the city dads do not robbing the cash register of \$5.00 is eash and getting away with some liquor.

Walter Jeckson, also of Ottawa, is Speculators, however, will probably held to trial for burglarizing the Roy EXAMINATION WERE HELD TC-Butcher galoon on Main street, and making his gelaway to Marseilles, where he was later apprehended. He obtained about \$20 in change and two quarts of liquor.

Harry Miller, forger suspect, who was arrested while living illegally with Mrs. Thomas on Marquette fernication.

Charles Casey, Streator, grand far-John Gimera, Streater, grand lar-

Emma Engelbrecht, Streator, grand in an intelligent manner,

other pettl! larceny.

Samuel Johnston, Door Park, for

violating the state mining laws. Stany Halas, La Salle, burglary. Roy L. Moore. La Salle, assault

with intent to do bodily injury. Cyril Spriggs and James B. King, of La Salle, two counts, robbery. Walter Clifton, La Salle, pettit lar-

Joseph Spieler, La Salle, wife aban-John Schiradelly, Somonauk, rape.

Charles Cecilio, Cedar Point, operating confidence game. Edward Decker, La Salle, wife and

child abandonment. Joe McCann, alias George Sommerfelt, of Peru, abduction.

#### SWITCH FOREMAN PLEADS **GUILTY OF BLOCKING STREET**

Herman Le Clercy, foreman for the morning put Weldon H. "Q" switch engine erew, who it was Jer party kierday thru another grilling Thursday afternoon was arraigned for ditions of the road, Mr. Jacobs was bearing last evening at 7 o'clock before Justice Koenig. He entered a plea

> Le Clercq was taken in custody by ery following numerous complaints which reached the police station on Thursday afternoon, that the railway was ignoring city ordinances which Edw, D. Lawrence, Ottawa ...., 60 prohibit stopping trains on crossings Miss Lottle Woody, Ottawa ..... 65 for longer than five minutes at a time.

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#### RUTH LAW TRIES OUT HER NEW TRIPLANE; WILSON STIKE LEGISLATION WOMEN AVIATORS FOR ARMY ADVOCATED



glide and rise gracefully at the will of the ever left the earth. Miss Law was not afreid to be the first to make a flight in it, but wanted to see how it behaved by ob-

than seventy-five miles an hour, and bet-

behaved be catifully, and Men Law clap-

ped her hands with nice when she saw h

serving another handle it The machine is of 110 horsepower and was built to make ninety miles an hour. The machine has narrow wings, a wide fusillage and a single motor of 100 horse power. It is believed new speed records will be made with the machine

A plan for probationary enrollment of in the war department. The plan was army,

RUTH LAW IN HER NEW TRIPLANE ( ABOVE, THE NEW MACHINE women aviators in the army aviation resistor, Mrs. Waldo Pierce, permission to fly and others. A letter from Lieutenant Coloserve corps for such service, back of the at Governora istand. Mrs. Pierce expects nel Squier, in charge of the aviation section line, as watching for enemy air to so to France, where her husband is in traff and submarine mines, in the guarding of cities and harbors, is under considnyistion, Las words like to qualify as the notable flight of Miss Law recently is a the aviation board of engineers first woman aviator in the American striking example of what can be accomsubmitted by Lawrence Sperry, a young In submitting his plan Mr. Sperry pre-doubt there are thousands of women in aviator of New York city, who said Major santed bread indersements from Dr. Strat-this country that could successfully oper-General Leonard Wood had indersed the ton of the arrow of standards, Rear Ad are aeroplanes in case of necessity for

order and had granted to one woman avi- miral Harri v. Feury, Secretary Redfield toth commercial and military purposes,"

plished in this country, and I have

# SEEK CITIZENSHIP

DAY BY CIRCUIT JUDGE STOUGH, -QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN AN INTELLIGENT MANNER.

Pifty-five allens in the circuit court street, was the third Oitawa man held today took examinations to become to court for trial. He is charged with citizens of the United States, and a great number of them will pass the strict government tests. In the new her every nationality was represented and the questions were all enswere

The little son, "It's Not Your N Siephen Barclay. Streator, two tionality," was in vocue even the the bills; one charging burglary and the examiner did not have an orelicate-B. M. Cook, Streator, malicious mis-

Owing to the fact that a night school has been established in some cities of the county, the men appeared to be well versed on the questions submitted in the examination blanks Not a few years back it was quite : custom for the applicants to name Walter Panneck, of La Salle, as got ernor, president, senator or any othhigh office.

The group who sought to become citizens, to adopt the Stars and Strines as their flag, as a general thing, were young men. That United States is the melting pot of the world was attested in the different that alities represented.

#### AUTO TURNS TURTLE, ED. JACOBS ESCAPES DEATH

Edward Jacobs, Rutland township farmer, narrowly escaped death ve terday afternoon when the Chevrolet auto which he was driving turned turile on the Chicago road two miles east of the city.

unable to hold the machine in the road and it went into the ditch. Mr. Jacobs excaped with only a few minor injuries. The car was slightly

Marriage Licenses

Henry Spindleman, Oglesby ..... 23 Miss Augusta Stuskenbrod, Oglesby 21 Martini Maricani, Oglesby ...... 27 , Miss Maggie Parina, Og'esby .... 19

## EXTRA

DENVER SOCIETY WOMAN SHOOTS SPOUSE.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13 .-- Mrs. Stella M. Smith, 37, shot and killed her husband, John S. Smith, this morning at her home in the fashionable Bark Hill section of this city.. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over her daughter that started when Smith came to his wife's house at 2 o'clock this merning under the inflience of hauer. In the course of the quarral, which centinged for five hours, Smith tore all the ciother from his wife's body. She was nude when she shot Smith and he was fully dressed and also had on his overcoat. Mrs. Smith is wealthy and her husband is a shauffeur fer her parents. She is the diversed wife of William Moore, by whom she has a 12 year old daughter with whom she

#### U . S. GRUISER MILWAUKEE ASHORE.

San Francisco, Jan. 13. -- 15c cruiser Milwaukee is ashore near Euroka, according to brief mersages received by the marine department of the Chamber c Commerce here this morning. No details were given,

For several days past the cruiser his been engaged in salvage operations in connection with the stranded submarine H-3.

the warship, which grounded at 4:25, a. m. is said to be in no immediate danger. The submarine tender Cheyenne and the tug Iroquois, which also were helping to pull the 14-3 from the beach are standing by and the coast guard cutter McCulloch is preparing to rush to the scone from here.

THAW PASSED COMFORT-ABLE NIGHT.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13,---Harry K. Thaw passed a comfortable night and awoke this morning apparently happy that he had not been successful in his attempt at suicide. He was in better condition today, physically and mentally than at any time since he clashed his wrist and throat on Wednesday, his physicians said.

To Clean Glass.

# AMUCK OF THE LAW

FUL OF PAST DAYS WHEN MEN WERE HUNG FOR THE SAME CRIME-TOLD STORY TO THE

A daring horse thief was taken ina the office of the sheriff this after artpe were summarily seized, hung until dead and their bodies shot down by officers of the anti-horse thicf as ociation in charge of the case.

lay was no conspictious that official, partments will deliver addresses and and scribes were forced to commit a number of outside speakers will at men history and the present as the pear. last knew the former and as now

The villair was Paul Besittine, all Robert Besitline, alias Robert 1 ngston. When interconated by

Free Trader-Journal representative he "hardened" offender admitted hi. grinned at its unenviable plight.

had traded a shot run, and a horse leg. Ligaments were torn in his lev and buggy, both of which belonged to Mr. Wright McKeon, of Kenosha, Wis Paul, or Robert, was in the employ of upon a mission of discovery. Colum | An abandened automobile, though ound a yellow mongrel cur was morcompany then a shot gun, inasmuch as the natives were all civilized, and feeded to trade the high powere ubbit knocker for a first class "

and made the trade in Marseilles. That trade put Mr. McKeon out he siezure being made by Marshal McCabe, of Utica, who notified the sheriff of his capture.

more sympathy than censure in the of his first fatal slip and let him theriff's office, and ordinarily in the easy. Finely cut potato parings and am- county's sleuthing department the:

#### "WILL NOT REACH SENATE" IS RUMOR IN OFFICIAL NOTED GERMAN WAR WRITER SIGNED BY INTERNATIONAL **CIRCLES TODAY** NEWS SERVICE.

DOOMED; WASHINTON HEARS

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WARN AGAINST NEW RAIDER DANGER.

war will be unapproachable by any

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von Wiegand, the famous war cor-

respondent, whose dispatches from

International News Service stories

of the most vital interest in the

New York, Jan. 13 .- Warnings to allied shipping against a German raider in the North Atlantic, were again sent out today. The warning in English and French said: "Enemy raider may be encountered. Take all precau-

## CORN GROWERS TO HOLD

and unforceen obstacles which caused ing employes, labor leaders charge. the abandonment of plans for the mee! in 1915 and 1916, the sixteenth annual convention of the Illinois Corn Grow ers' and Stockmen's association is ready to meet at Champaign in connection with a two weeks' short course 'n agriculture at the University of DARING HORSE THIEF UNMIND Illinois for farmers and farmer boys of the state. The convention will be held from January 15 to January 27.

"The plans twice started and twice abandoned have finally been com pleted and the largest and best con vention since the series started at the end of the last century will be held n January," said A. W. Jamison, as sistant professor of agricultural extension. Prof. Jamison estimates that from 1,400 to 2,000 persons will regis oon to face punishment for his base ter for the short course. The registra rime, in the old days "men" of his tions are being received rapidly now. During the period three lectures : day will be given on topics of genera interest. The remainder of the time will be given to class work. Beside members of the faculty of the College The contrast with today and yester of Agriculture, experts from other de

#### EDWARD O'CONNOR SUFFERS RUNAWAY ENGINE CAUSES PAINFUL INJURY IN FALL

Edward O'Connor, 17 year old son will; told his story in a straightfor- of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Connor, was cape from death vesterday afternoon ward manner and walked to the jail injured yesterday afternoon when his when the brakes refused to work on a company with Deputy Sheriff Wm foot caught in the spokes of a wagon a "dinky" engine at the Chicago Re-Mischke, unchastened and uncha wheel. Mr. O'Connor was climbing tort and Fire Brick plant, east of this Paul, or Robert, was nabbed at ed. He was taken to Ryburn hospita' tica yesterday aftersoon having is where it was thought at first that he his possession a dog, for which he had suffered with a fracture of the chine was going down hill it kept

#### Auto Bandits Rob Bank.

Harrah, Okla., Jan. 13. Four auto-McKeon as a farm hand, and last mobile bandits held up the First Na-Tuesday decided to take possession of tional bank here yesterday afternoon his hunting weepen and his horse and locked the president and cashler in rig. He set out for lands unknown the vault and escaped with \$3,500.

ous had nothing on him as an explor to be the one used by the bandits r. When he landed down in "this was found in the road by a posse o ere country," as he called it, he men last night. The robbers ar thought to have fled to the wood

eriminal bent. Paul told his storlike he was confessing a misdeed school. He was only 15 years old an told his tale with the innocence of a boy who never before had been it he trail and he was traced to Utical trouble. He failed to realize that It the '70s men were hung for just what congress in 1886 and was completed he had been apprehended for, and is probably the law, when it deal When Paul told his story there was sternly with him, will take cosmis-

An officer will arrive tomorrow Texas ended her days as a target for monia will clean the inside of a carafe, as identy chance to condemn those of from Kenosha to take him in custody navy practice above five years ago.

### PROMISE FILIBUSTER

OPPOSITION TO LOCKOUTS AS BEING UNLAWFUL IS BEING ARGUED AMONG UNION CHIEFS

By ROBERT B. SMITH. (I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13 .- President Wilson's strike prevention legislation is practically doomed. It is doubtful whether it even will be recommended to the Senate by the Interstate Commerce committee. If the committee does finally agree upon a bill it will be so radically amended as to be wholly unsatisfacory to the administration

Any effort by the administration to force the so-called compulsory arbitration bill thru Congress will be med by a filibuster and an extra session will be inevitable.

These facts were developed by a careful examination of the situation in the Senate today. So formidable has the movement against the legislation become that reports were current the administration would "get out from under" and consent to abandonment of the legislation.

Opposition to the President's program centers about the proposal to make strikes or lockouts unlawful for a period of four months, pending vestigation by a committee of three

appointed by the President. Organized labor has taken the po sition that such a law would operate CHAMPAIGN SHORT COURSE wholly to the advantage of employers by giving them four months in which to prepare for a strike. It would en-Champaign, Ill., Jan. 13.—After two the them to hire strike-breakers an rears intermission because of delays train them to take the places of strik-

"It would make a strike about g effective as a slap on the wrist," we

the way one labor leader put it. Although the government's lega' experts have declared Congress have authority to enact any legislation ne essary to remove obstructions to Interstate commerce, labor leaders. backed by progressives in Congress. declare the proposed strike prevention bill would involve "involuntary servitude" and therefore would be u-

constitutional. The Intertsate Commerce committee membership includes such procresives as Senators Clapp, of Minuc. sota; Cummins, of Iowa, LaFollette. of Wisconsin, and Poindexter, of Washington. These members are lined up solidly against the proposed bill. Several Democratic members are said to have allied themselves with the progressives to prevent committee endorsement of the bill in the

form approved by the administration. The committee went into executive session today to attempt to agree on a draft of the strike prevention bill. but there was practically no prospect of an agreement.

## **MUCH EXCITEMENT**

James Lanigan had a narrow esento the wagon when the horses start city. Mr. Lanigan was descending an incline with the engine when the brakes refused to work. As the magaining speed. The brakes refused to work and Lanigan jumped to escape injury.

Always in Working Order.

Mary talked so fast no one had much of a chance to say anything in her presence. Her little neighbor had no one else to play with after school hours, but would not remain in her company long at a time. After noticing that her boy returned so soon each time he went to play with her, his mother inquired into it, and Walter replied, "Oh, she is always wound up so."

Our First Battleship.

The first American buttleship was the old Texas, of Spanish-American war fame. She was authorized by six years later. The original battleship was a little over 300 feet long and had a displacement of 6,315 tons. The present day Texas is 554 feet long and has a tonnage of 27,000 tons. The old